

3/7/17 "Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears." -Les Brown

HW: "Systems of Linear Equations" Homework #1-4
Test 2 on Tuesday 3/14

AIM: How do we solve a system of equations?

Warm Up:

Solve the following systems of equations algebraically by either substitution or elimination.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1. \oplus \quad 2x - y = -1 \\ \quad \quad 2x + y = -7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x \quad \quad = -8 \\ \hline \frac{4x}{4} \quad \quad = \frac{-8}{4} \end{array}$$

$$x = -2$$

To find y:

$$2(-2) - y = -1$$

$$-4 - y = -1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +4 \quad \quad +4 \\ \hline -y = 3 \\ \frac{-y}{-1} = \frac{3}{-1} \end{array}$$

$$y = -3$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = -2 \\ y = -3 \\ \text{OR} \\ (-2, -3) \end{array}$$

2 by 2 Equations
(2 eq. w/ 2 variables)
3 by 3 Equations
(3 eq. w/ 3 variables)

substitution - use if an equation says 'y = ' or 'x = '

2. $2x + 2y = 3$
 $x = 4y - 1$ → $2(4y - 1) + 2y = 3$
 $8y - 2 + 2y = 3$
 $10y - 2 = 3$
 $10y = 5$
 $y = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$

Find x:
 $x = 4(\frac{1}{2}) - 1$
 $x = 2 - 1$
 $x = 1$

(1, $\frac{1}{2}$)
 OR
 $x = 1$
 $y = \frac{1}{2}$

3. $x - 2y = 3$
 $-2x + 4y = 1$ → $2x - 4y = 6$
 $-2x + 4y = 1$
 $0 = 7$ (F)

Lines are parallel
 Does not make sense
 therefore NO SOLUTION

To get what we want - we need to do all (Balance)

4. $2x - y = 1$
 $4x - 2y = 2$ → $-4x + 2y = -2$
 $4x - 2y = 2$
 $0 + 0 = 0$
 $0 = 0$ (T)

Infinite Solutions (The equations are the same line)

5. $3x + 2y = 2$
 $5x + 7y = -4$ → $5x + 10y = 10$
 $-15x - 21y = 12$
 $-11y = \frac{22}{-11}$
 $y = -2$

Find X:
 $3x + 2(-2) = 2$
 $3x - 4 = 2$
 $+4 +4$
 $3x = 6$
 $\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{6}{3}$ $x = 2$

$x = 2$ OR $(2, -2)$

6. $3x + 2y = -9$
 $2x + y = -7$ → $3x + 2y = -9$
 $-4x - 2y = 14$
 $-1x = \frac{5}{-1}$
 $x = -5$

To find y:
 $3(-5) + 2y = -9$
 $-15 + 2y = -9$
 $+15 +15$
 $2y = 6$
 $\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{6}{2}$ $y = 3$

$(-5, 3)$

Summary

- 1) One solution
- 2) Infinite solutions (equations are the same line)
- 3) No Solution (Equations are Parallel lines)

You should be very familiar with solving two-by-two systems of linear equations (two equations and two unknowns). In this lesson, we will extend the method of **elimination** to linear systems of three equations and three unknowns. These linear systems serve as the basis for a field of math known as **Linear Algebra**.

7. Consider the three-by-three system of linear equations shown below. Each equation is numbered in this first exercise to help keep track of our manipulations.

$$\begin{aligned}(1) \quad & 2x + y + z = 15 \\ (2) \quad & 6x - 3y - z = 35 \\ (3) \quad & -4x + 4y - z = -14\end{aligned}$$

- (a) The **addition property of equality** allows us to add two equations together to produce a third valid equation. Create a system by adding equations (1) and (2) and (1) and (3). Why is this an effective strategy in this case?

created 2 equations with only 2 variables

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (1) & 2x + y + z & = 15 \\ (2) & + 6x - 3y - z & = 35 \\ \hline (4) & 8x - 2y & = 50 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (1) & 2x + y + z & = 15 \\ (3) & + -4x + 4y - z & = -14 \\ \hline (5) & -2x + 5y & = 1 \end{array}$$

- (b) Use this new two-by-two system to solve the three-by-three.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 8x - 2y & = & 50 \\ 4(-2x + 5y) & = & 4 \\ \hline & 18y & = 54 \end{array}$$

$$y = 3$$

To find x: Use Equation (4) or (5)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 8x - 2(3) & = & 50 \\ 8x - 6 & = & 50 \\ +6 & +6 & \\ \hline 8x & = & 56 \\ x & = & 7 \end{array}$$

To find z: Use equation (1), (2) or (3)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + y + z & = & 15 \\ 2(7) + 3 + z & = & 15 \\ 14 + 3 + z & = & 15 \\ 17 + z & = & 15 \\ z & = & -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = 7 \\ y = 3 \text{ OR } (7, 3, -2) \\ z = -2 \end{array}$$

Just as with two by two systems, sometimes three-by-three systems need to be manipulated by the **multiplication property of equality** before we can eliminate any variables.

8. Consider the system of equations shown below. Answer the following questions based on the system.

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \quad 4x + y - 3z = -6 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad -2x + 4y + 2z = 38 \\ \textcircled{3} \quad 5x - y - 7z = -19 \end{array}$$

- (a) Which variable will be easiest to eliminate? $\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{3}$
Why? Use the multiplicative property of equality and elimination to reduce this system to a two-by-two system.

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{1} \quad 4x + y - 3z = -6 \\ \textcircled{3} \quad 5x - y - 7z = -19 \\ \hline \textcircled{4} \quad 9x - 10z = -25 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{2} \quad -2x + 4y + 2z = 38 \\ \textcircled{1} \quad 4x + y - 3z = -6 \\ \hline \textcircled{4} \quad -16x - 4y + 12z = 24 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad -2x + 4y + 2z = 38 \\ \hline \textcircled{5} \quad -18x + 14z = 62 \end{array}$$

- (b) Solve the two-by-two system from (a) and find the final solution to the three-by-three system.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(9x - 10z = -25) \\ -18x + 14z = 62 \\ \hline \textcircled{+} \quad -18x - 20z = -50 \\ \quad \quad -18x + 14z = 62 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

To find x :

$$\begin{array}{r} -18x + 14(-2) = 62 \\ -18x - 28 = 62 \\ \quad \quad +28 \quad +28 \\ \hline -18x = 90 \\ x = -5 \end{array}$$

$$-5, 8, -2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = -5 \\ y = 8 \\ z = -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -18x - 20z = -50 \\ -18x + 14z = 62 \\ \hline -6z = 12 \\ z = -2 \end{array}$$

To find y : Use $\textcircled{1}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4(-5) + y - 3(-2) = -6 \\ -20 + y + 6 = -6 \\ -14 + y = -6 \\ y = 8 \end{array}$$

9. Solve the system of equations shown below. Show each step in your solution process.

$$4x - 2y + 3z = 23$$

$$x + 5y - 3z = -37$$

$$-2x + y + 4z = 27$$